



City of Bowie

Memorandum

Thursday, August 27, 2026
Angel L. Jones, City Manager

STATUS REPORT

1. Serene Way - Status Report

Following a comprehensive planning process managed by the Department of Community Services, including multiple stakeholder meetings, improvements to Serene Way are complete. Overgrown vegetation across the roadway and the dilapidated fencing spanning it have been removed by the Parks and Grounds Division, and decorative flower pots have been installed on both sides of the road, effectively eliminating the undesirable activity that had long plagued this location. In lieu of developing a micro park, the roadway was repaved by the Department of Public Works, which was the option preferred by a majority of neighbors, and one that delivered significant cost savings.



2. Special Event Permits for Large Athletic Events

The Department of Community Services and Bowie Police Department are coordinating a more consistent process for athletic events held on City property that involve large public gatherings, require additional City resources, or create significant impacts on traffic, parking, or public spaces.

Organizations hosting events, including athletic events, that meet the City's criteria for a Special Event Permit will be required to complete the permit process. As part of the review, the Bowie Police Department will assess anticipated attendance, traffic, and public safety needs and determine whether police coverage is required. If coverage is necessary, BPD will coordinate those requirements and associated costs with the event organizer.

DCS and BPD will meet with the affected organizations to communicate the requirements and assist with the permitting process in early September.

2. Back to School Bash - Event Success

The City's Annual Back to School Bash was held Saturday, August 15, at the City of Bowie Gymnasium and drew more than 200 guests and 30 participating vendors. The event featured music, carnival games, food and refreshments, face painting, and a balloon artist, along with a community resource area connecting families with local organizations. Staff has received appreciation letters from participating families and partners, and the Gymnasium staff deserve particular recognition for their work in executing the event.

3. Bowie Senior Center - BINGO FUN

The Bowie Senior Center hosted a Prince George's County sponsored BINGO program on Thursday, August 20, with 73 participants in attendance. The event was offered free of charge. Participants won gift cards, laundry detergent, coloring books with colored pencils, mini cover throws, and towel sets. Photos from the event are available at <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjD31tL>.

4. Ice Arena Summer Camp Hero Day

The Prince George's County Fire Department joined the City's summer camp for Hero Day at the Bowie Ice Arena on August 18, closing out the camp season with an event that was both entertaining and educational. Campers got an up-close look at a rescue engine and ambulance while firefighters answered questions and shared fire safety information, and members of the County Fire Department Hockey Team took to the ice with campers for an obstacle course and open skating. Each camper went home with a fire safety activity book to continue learning after camp, capping another successful summer camp season.





5. 25th Anniversary September 11 Remembrance Ceremony

The City of Bowie will host a public remembrance ceremony on Friday, September 11, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at Allen Pond Park, on the stage at the Andy Brown Athletic Field, marking 25 years since the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and honoring the victims.

The approximately one-hour ceremony will bring together City, County, and State officials, public safety representatives, City staff, and members of the community to honor the nearly 3,000 lives lost and recognize the first responders and service members whose sacrifice followed. The program will include remarks from elected officials and public safety leaders, a Color Guard

presentation, a moment of silence, a reading by the City's Poet Laureate, and a remembrance walk around Allen Pond.

The ceremony is open to the public.